

March 30, 2010

Office of the Forest Supervisor  
Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit  
35 College Drive  
South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150  
Attention: Ms. Linda Lind

Re: Preliminary Recommendations - SNPLMA Round 11

Dear Ms. Lind:

The Truckee-North Tahoe Transportation Management Association (TNT/TMA) submits this letter in support of the Preliminary Recommendations for Tahoe SNPLMA Round 11 recommendations prepared by the Lake Tahoe Federal Advisory Committee. Specifically, we support the recommendation that funds 18 capital projects for \$30,930,353 and science at \$3,750,000, for a total funding package of \$34,680,353.

We strongly support the "Basin Wide Transportation" project for \$300,000, the only transportation/air quality project in the package. Since the start of the West Shore summer transit service, as funded by SNPLMA through the U.S. Forest Service, Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit, our organization has been active in marketing and promoting this service and ensuring coordination with the TART public transit system operated by Placer County in the greater North Lake Tahoe-Truckee area.

Similarly, we plan to be active in marketing and promoting the Nevada Highway 28 summer service, as included in the Round 11 Basin Wide Transportation project proposal. This service will also connect with TART on the North Shore.

 Transportation Management Association

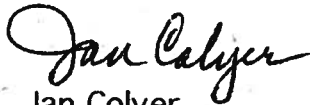
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Ms. Linda Lind, USFS, LTBMU, page 2

We also want to specifically reference our support for the full \$2 million recommended for the Forest Service Public Resorts BMP/Water Quality Retrofit Project at Camp Richardson. This popular recreation area, on lands owned by the Forest Service, is adjacent to an important Lake Tahoe marsh and wetlands and should be protected with water quality improvements. Camp Richardson is one of the popular destinations of summer transit service Lake Tahoe's West Shore. For that reason, we highlight our support for its water quality improvements.

Thank you for allowing our organization to participate in the public process of developing and recommending Tahoe projects as part of the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jan Colyer".

Jan Colyer  
Executive Director

cc: Members, TNT/TMA Board and Steering Committee



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March 23, 2010

Ms. Linda Lind  
United States Forest Service  
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Re: Support for Lake Tahoe SNPLMA funding

Dear Ms. Lind:

The Washoe County Commissioners support the SNPLMA Round 11 Recommended Funding List created by the work of the Tahoe Basin Executive Committee, the Tahoe Working Group and the Lake Tahoe Federal Advisory Committee (LTFAC).

We are especially supportive of making the funding of the Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project Phase 1, of the "Hazardous Fuel Reduction and Wildfire Prevention Project", in the amount of \$840,000 a top priority. This would begin the last phase of fuels reduction work by the United States Forest Service on the "halo" surrounding the Incline Village and Crystal Bay community and would complete the primary treatment of that area. That area would then be phased into a maintenance mode. This funding would cap the expenditure of millions of dollars over the last 24 years by the United States Forest Service, the Nevada Department of Forestry, the North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District, the Nevada Division of State Lands, the Incline Village General Improvement District, as well as countless private property owners.

The County also supports the funding of USFS Urban Lot Program, Prescription Burning, and Biomass efforts, the Restoration of Aspen populations, funding Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention and removal processes, the Erosion Control Grants, the Storm Water Load Reduction Plan Development, area-wide conservation planning, and scientific studies of important Basin issues.

Sincerely,

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Katy Simon

Washoe County Manager

KS/rl

cc: Robert Wandel



# LAKE TAHOE REGIONAL FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION

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March 20, 2010

Linda Lind  
United States Forest Service – Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit  
35 College Drive  
South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150

Dear Linda,

The Lake Tahoe Regional Fire Chief's Association (LTRFCA) supports the SNPLMA Round 11 Recommended Funding List as submitted by the Lake Tahoe Basin Executive Committee, the Tahoe Working Group and the Lake Tahoe Federal Advisory Committee.

The LTRFCA would like to recognize the importance of funding the following Projects: Carnelian Hazardous Fuels Reduction and Healthy Forest Restoration, Prescribed Fire/Biomass Treatment/Continuation, South Shore Hazardous Fuels Reduction and Healthy Forest Restoration, Spooner Hazardous Fuels and Healthy Forest Restoration, and the Urban Forest Restoration and Fuels Reduction Project.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mark Novak  
President

**Associated Members:** Airport Authority of Washoe County, Alpine Meadows FD, Cal Fire, CalStar, Carson City PD, Central Lyon Co FD, East Fork Fire, Fallen Leaf PD, Kirkwood Volunteer FD, Lake Valley FD, Markeseville Vol. FD, Meek's Bay PD, Nevada Div of Forestry, Nevada Fire Safe Council, North Lake Tahoe FPD, Northstar FD, North Tahoe FPD, Cal OES, REMSA Careflight, Reno PD, Sierra Fire Protection District, Sierra Front, South Lake Tahoe PD, Sparks PD, Squaw Valley PD, Storey County PD, Tahoe Douglas FPD, Truckee FPD, USFS, Woodfords PD





March 22, 2010

U.S.D.A. Forest Service  
Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit  
Attention: Ms. Linda Lind  
35 College Drive  
South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150

Re: Letter of Support - Package of Lake Tahoe Restoration Projects  
Round 11 Recommendations of the Lake Tahoe Federal Advisory Committee  
Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act (SNPLMA)

Dear Ms. Lind:

On behalf of the North Lake Tahoe Resort Association (NLTRA), I am writing to express our organization's support for the full package of SNPLMA Round 11 recommendations as deliberated and prepared by the Tahoe Working Group (TWG) and the Lake Tahoe Federal Advisory Committee (LTFAC).

**Specifically, our support is for the recommendation that would fund 18 capital projects for \$30,930,353 and science at \$3,750,000, for a total funding package of \$34,680,353.**

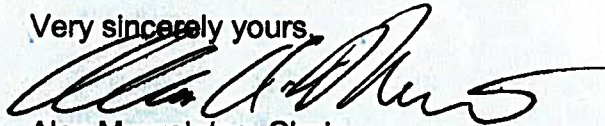
I want to underscore that our support is inclusive of the full \$2 million recommended for Implementation Phase I of II for Forest Service Public Resorts BMP and related Water Quality Retrofits at Camp Richardson. I also want to highlight our strong support for the continuation of funding for "Basin Wide Transportation," the one air quality project in this year's capital projects package. The NLTRA is an active funding partner for public transit in the region, including operations and marketing support.

We appreciate the Secretary of Agriculture's appointment of our President & CEO, Steve Teshara, to serve as a member of the Lake Tahoe Federal Advisory Committee and participate actively in the Committee's important work. As you know, Steve is one of the only LTFAC members with a 100 percent attendance record. Steve briefed our Board on the progress of developing the Round 11 package. He provided us with a copy and reviewed the Preliminary LTFAC recommendations at our March 3, 2010 Board meeting. We know that Steve has also worked diligently to brief other community organizations on the SNPLMA Round 11 process, including the North Lake Tahoe Chamber of Commerce and the Truckee-North Tahoe Transportation Management Association (TNT/TMA).

Again this year, the NLTRA and the North Lake Tahoe Chamber of Commerce have pledged our assistance in providing information to Lake Tahoe visitors and residents alike regarding the educational and inspection programs designed to help prevent the infestation of dangerous aquatic invasive species, including quagga and zebra mussels, into the waters of Lake Tahoe and surrounding waterways and bodies. We are keenly aware of the devastating ecological as well as economic damage such invaders will cause should they be carried into our watershed. We are very pleased that the LTFAC Round 11 package we support includes another \$3.221 million for the prevention of Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) proliferation in Lake Tahoe, using early detection and rapid response, and the control and eradication of existing AIS in the watershed, as well as for expanded vital prevention programs.

Please extend our appreciation to LTBMU Forest Service Terri Marceron for her service as LTFAC Designated Federal Official, to you and other members of Terri's staff who work on this important funding program, and to all members of the Tahoe Working Group and Lake Tahoe Federal Advisory Committee, both public and private, for their efforts on behalf of Lake Tahoe.

Very sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alex Mourelatos', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Alex Mourelatos, Chair  
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ALLEN BIAGGI, *Director*  
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And Natural Resources

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*State Forester Firewarden*



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RE: Round 11 SNPLMA Recommended Funding

Dear Ms. Lind & Mr. Wandel,

Please find this correspondence in support of the recommended funding list for SNPLMA Round 11 project proposals. I believe the project selection process continues to work quite well producing a balanced approach to funding Hazardous Fuel Reduction Projects, Invasive Species, Conservation Projects and Planning, Water Quality and necessary Science/Research activities. With SNPLMA funds on the decline difficult decisions must be made and Round 11 reflects current priorities in a comprehensive manner.

As we look to the future many Nevada communities in the Lake Tahoe Basin, east side of the Carson Range, White Pine County and southern Nevada remain at extreme risk for catastrophic wildfire. The completed Community Wildfire Protection Plans and the ten-year plans targeted at multi-jurisdictional fuels reduction and fire prevention strategies position Nevada communities for ongoing well planned fuels reduction projects. I encourage the continued priority of focused

funding on our extreme risk communities, both within and outside of the Lake Tahoe Basin to reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfire. Concurrently it is important to support those projects that complete "landscape level" efforts that tie completed or ongoing projects on multiple jurisdictions together. For example, ongoing fuels reduction projects on state lands and University of Nevada properties in Little Valley would be greatly enhanced with completion of proposed fuels reduction projects on adjacent Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest lands in Little Valley. Similarly, completion of projects in the Incline Village-Crystal Bay area would also tie critical fuel breaks together maximizing functionality and improving public safety.

Again, we at the Division of Forestry appreciate the many natural resource accomplishments throughout the state which would not have been possible without the SNPLMA programs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Pete Anderson", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Pete Anderson,  
State Forester Firewarden

cc: Allen Biaggi  
Kay Scherer  
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South Shore Transportation Management Association

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USDA Forest Service  
Lake Tahoe Basin Management  
Forest Supervisor's Office  
Attention: Ms. Linda Lind  
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South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150

March 29, 2010

**Re: Preliminary Package of Tahoe Recommendations  
Round 11 - Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act (SNPLMA)**

Dear Ms. Lind:

The South Shore Transportation Management Association (SS/TMA), a non-profit community forum, is pleased to write in support of efforts by the Lake Tahoe Federal Advisory Committee to develop the Preliminary Package of SNPLMA Round 11 projects for Lake Tahoe. When the Committee meets to review public input and make its final Round 11 recommendation, we urge the group to endorse the option that totals \$34,680,353.

Given the focus of our forum, we want to express our particular support for the continuation of funding for the Basin Wide Transportation project at \$300,000. The West Shore summer transit service provided by this funding helps connect the South Shore's BlueGo Transit System with Tahoe Regional Area Transit (TART) service on the North Shore. We are also pleased that the Round 11 Basin Wide Transportation proposal includes funding to commence summer public transit on Nevada's Highway 28 corridor on Tahoe's East Shore. This segment of the Basin's highway network is the only remaining section without any transit service during any portion of the year.

At the request of several of our forums participants, we also highlight our support for the full \$2 million recommended for the Forest Service Public Resorts BMP Water Quality Retrofits at Camp Richardson on Tahoe's south west shore. This is a popular recreation destination for many Tahoe visitors and locals, including passengers who ride the BlueGo system.

Thank you in advance for soliciting our comments and including this letter as part of the public record in the Round 11 SNPLMA process.

Mike Riley  
Member, SS/TMA Officer's Committee





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April 1, 2010

The United States Forest Service  
Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit  
Linda Lind  
35 College Drive  
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Dear Ms. Lind,

The Douglas County Board of Commissioners supports the Round 11 Recommended Funding List created by the work of the Basin Executive Committee, the Tahoe Working Group and the Lake Tahoe Federal Advisory Committee (LTFAC). Several of the projects will be beneficial to Douglas County including:

- Aspen Community Restoration/Continuation
- Prescribed Fire/Biomass Treatment/Continuation
- Spooner Hazardous Fuels Reduction & Healthy Forest Restoration – Phase 2 of 3/Implementation
- Urban Forest Restoration and Fuels Reduction – Phase 5 of 6/Implementation
- Erosion Control Grants/Continuation

The Commission supports the efforts to control and eradicate invasive species in the Lake Tahoe Basin, as well as planning for the stormwater load reduction project, a stream environment zone condition assessment, and the continued efforts by the scientific community to ensure these efforts are properly executed.

Sincerely,

Michael A. Olson, Chairman  
Douglas County Commissioners

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 218, Minden, NV 89423





## Office of the Governor

April 1, 2010

Linda Lind  
U. S. Forest Service  
Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit  
35 College Drive  
South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150

Dear Linda:

I am pleased to lend my support for the recommended funding list for Round 11 SNPLMA for the Lake Tahoe Basin. I believe it exhibits a balanced approach to funding Hazardous Fuel Reduction Projects, Invasive Species, Conservation Projects and Planning as well as water quality and science.

I would also like to express my strong support to prioritize Phase 1 of the "Hazardous Fuel Reduction Project" in the amount of \$840,000.00 that would benefit the communities of Incline Village and Crystal Bay. This would compliment the millions of dollars that were previously spent by the U.S. Forest Service, the Nevada Division of Forestry, the Nevada Division of State Lands, the North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District, the Incline Village General Improvement District and the thousands of private property owners. Completion of this project will put the entire area in a maintenance phase.

It is also important to raise the amount of funding for the Nevada Fire Safe Councils Multi-Jurisdictional Project since it would add significant funding from local government and private sources. This would further enhance the efforts to protect the communities in the Tahoe Basin.

Sincerely,

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Jim Gibbons  
Governor



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To "Linda Lind" <[llind@fs.fed.us](mailto:llind@fs.fed.us)>  
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Subject RE: Public Comments- Round 11 Capital Project

History:  This message has been forwarded.

Good afternoon Linda and Arla,

Last week, when I had sent a my comments to the public comments email address on the Round 11 Capital & Science Project lists, I received an error message stating that my email did not reach its intended recipient, so I thought I would forward it to you to make sure it gets included. If you have any questions or would like to discuss my comments further, please do not hesitate to drop me an email or a phone call at my contact info below.

Thank you much!

Tricia

**Tricia L. York**

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Tricia York <[triciayork@sbcglobal.net](mailto:triciayork@sbcglobal.net)>

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cc  
Subject Public Comments- Round 11 Capital Project



Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Lake Tahoe SNPLMA Round 11 Capital Project Nominations and Science Themes. When reviewing the 2/23/10 LTFAC preliminary recommendation table, I noticed a few recommendations that could be far more effective if additional considerations were entertained:

- In the FS Aspen Community Restoration/Continuation project, that the LTFAC recommended full funding of the project for \$330,000 and it shows in the comment field, that a reduced level of effort would be achieved with full funding. It is unclear whether or not this reduced effort would only be under the \$30 million dollar cap scenario or the \$34 million dollar cap scenario? It would be helpful to clarify in the comments section that the rationale for changes in funding level would only be considered under the \$30 million dollar cap scenario if this is accurate.
- Under the column titled: 2/23/10 LTFAC preliminary recommendation \$34 Million, I noticed that the LTFAC recommended allocating \$200,000 to the South Shore Hazardous Fuels Reduction & Healthy Forest Restoration-Phase 7/Implementation project. This was dramatically reduced from \$3,025,000. Specifically what would actually be achieved with the \$200,000 on such a large proposed project? It may be more beneficial to utilize this money to fully fund the Lake Tahoe Nevada Storm-water Load Reduction Plan Development beneficial project, sponsored by EPA..thus reducing the amount of funds being subtracted from the annual \$10 million dollar EC Grant program to fund this project. The additional \$200,000 back to the EC grant program would leverage additional non-federal funds for local governments high priority storm-water quality projects. Also, please identify any potential risks there may be in waiting to fund this project until round 12 since the comments section states this project can be delayed to round 12.
- I would strongly support the science themes receiving full funding for Round 11 in the amount of \$3.75 million regardless of the amount coming to Lake Tahoe for Round 11 (\$ 30 million versus \$ 34 million). In years past, when the Lake Tahoe SNPLMA program received additional dollars beyond the annual \$34 million set aside, the Science themes did not receive additional dollars as did the capital program. As a result I would propose funding the science themes at its annual amount in \$3.75 million.

Thank you for the opportunity to review the Lake Tahoe SNPLMA Round 11 Capital Project Nominations & Science Themes.

Very truly yours,

Ms. York



# California Regional Water Quality Control Board Lahontan Region



Linda S. Adams  
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Arnold Schwarzenegger  
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April 7, 2010

Linda Lind  
U.S. Forest Service  
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Sent via email to: [ashaines@fs.fed.us](mailto:ashaines@fs.fed.us)

## COMMENTS ON SNPLMA ROUND 11 PRELIMINARY RECOMMENDATION PACKAGE

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed capital projects and science themes in the Preliminary Recommendation Package for funding using Round 11 of the Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act (SNPLMA) funds. The Lahontan Water Board supports approving full funding (\$34 Million) for the Recommended Package and all the projects in the package as proposed.

Many projects in the Recommended Package will directly support the Environmental Improvement Program efforts to restore Lake Tahoe's historic transparency, which is one of the Water Board's highest priorities. Several projects are needed to successfully implement load reductions identified by the Lake Tahoe Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) program. The *Erosion Control Grant Program* is a critical funding source for the urban jurisdictions to construct urban erosion control stormwater treatment projects. The Water Board supports funding the *Lake Tahoe Nevada Stormwater Load Reduction Plan Development* project. This effort is an important step for Nevada municipalities to identify pollutant load reduction opportunities and develop plans to facilitate Lake Tahoe TMDL implementation.

The Water Board supports funding for *Preventing Aquatic Invasive Species Proliferation in Lake Tahoe Using Prevention, Early Detection and Rapid Response, and Control and Eradication – Phase 5 / Continuation*. This program involves many projects that are essential to protect Lake Tahoe from detrimental effects of aquatic invasive species. The projects funded by this program address the ongoing aquatic weed removal program, and also seek to improve response to new and emerging invasive species and the potentially dire consequences from infestation. The federal funding is essential to help leverage state and private funding to aid the Aquatic Invasive Species program.

*California Environmental Protection Agency*





Protecting Stream Environment Zones (SEZs) is important to the Water Board's mission. The Water Board strongly supports funding the *SEZ Classification, Inventory, and General Condition Assessment* project as this will enable many agencies to have consistent information on SEZs. In addition, this project would directly address the Lake Tahoe Restoration Act reauthorization legislation, which calls for the development of a watershed strategy that includes "a classification system, inventory, and assessment of stream environment zones". The Upper Truckee River watershed is a high priority for restoration projects to reduce the loading of fine sediment particles and nutrients, among many other beneficial attributes that are inherent of river restoration projects. The *Upper Truckee Marsh Restoration Project – Design/Planning* and the *Angora Creek Channel Restoration – Phase 2 Implementation* project will help to meet these restoration goals.

The Science Themes have been crafted to meet agency needs and are an important funding source for scientific research in the Tahoe Basin, and should be funded the full amount. Water Board staff appreciates the effort the Lake Tahoe Federal Advisory Committee has shown during many deliberations to develop this Preliminary Recommended Package for SNPLMA Round 11 funding. Should you have any questions concerning these comments, please contact me directly at (530) 542-5436 or Hannah Schembri of my staff at (530) 542-5423.

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Lauri Kemper  
Assistant Executive Officer  
Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board



# CARSON CITY, NEVADA

CONSOLIDATED MUNICIPALITY AND STATE CAPITAL

April 1, 2010

Linda Lind  
The United States Forest  
Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit  
35 College Dr.  
South Lake Tahoe, Ca. 96150

Dear Ms. Lind:

The Carson City Board of Supervisors supports the Round 11 Recommended Funding List created by the work of the Basin Executive Committee, the Tahoe Working Group, and the Lake Tahoe Federal Advisory Committee (LTFAC).

We are especially supportive funding Phase 2 of the Spooner Healthy Forest and Healthy Forest Restoration Project in the amount of \$3.125,000, as well as the Urban Lot, Prescription Burning, and Biomass projects within Carson City, a consolidated municipality. We also support the Aspen Restoration and the Erosion Control funding in our jurisdiction.

The Board of Supervisors supports the efforts to control and eradicate invasive species in the Lake Tahoe Basin, as well as planning for the storm water load reduction project, a stream environment zone condition assessment, and the continued efforts by the scientific community to ensure these efforts are properly executed.

Sincerely,

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Robert L. Crowell  
Mayor

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March 29, 2010

US Forest Department  
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South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter to let you know I support Camp Richardson Resort plan with the campground and parking retrofit design. Working hand in hand to improve the water protection and quality should be at the top of everyone's list.

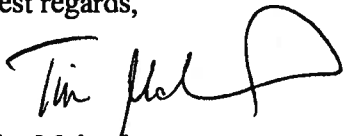
By adding paved roads in the campground, Camp Richardson can provide a controlled storm water run-off and dispersed infiltration, reducing concentrated storm flows and their ability to generate erosion and transport sediment toward the lake. This in turn improves the quality and clarity of the lake.

The removal of 6,000 square feet of coverage in Pope Marsh and restoring it to a native state can only be considered an environmental improvement. This will directly contribute to the achievement of water quality, soil conservation and scenic thresholds.

The reconfiguration of the two intersections will reduce traffic, which in turn reduces the vehicle emissions.

Thank you.

Best regards,



Tim Maland  
General Manager of MontBleu Resort Casino & Spa





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March 26, 2010

Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit  
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Re: USFS Public Resorts BMP Retrofits - Camp Richardson

Dear Ms. Lind:

As a business manager in this community, I appreciate the efforts of others working to improve our environment for the lake and our experience for our visitors. I write in support of the Camp Richardson BMP project.

This project will reduce impervious coverage and will improve storm water infiltration and reduce erosion. The paving of the roads will reduce the dust and fine sediment in our air and in our lake. The reconfiguration of the intersections will reduce traffic problems and therefore reduce vehicle emissions and improve safety.

As a major employer and health care provider in the community, we would like to express our full support of this project.

Sincerely,

John G. Williams  
Chief Executive Officer



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Subject RE: Camp Richardson BMP project: public comments in support of the project by Jaquish & Kenninger

Dear Ms. Lind,

My wife (Dr. Gail Jaquish) and I have been residents of the Tahoe Basin for 8 years, and each of our businesses and our charitable foundation are located in Stateline. We wanted to take this opportunity to weigh in on and to strongly support the Camp Richardson BMP project with you.

We are very familiar with Camp Rich and the many storm water and erosion problems on this USFS leased concession. We applaud this BMP project, which will have a positive effect on water quality and will also be a tremendous benefit for guests and residents of Lake Tahoe to enjoy.

We note the following as some of the more compelling environmental benefits of the USFS Public Resorts BMP Retrofits-Camp Richardson:

- 1) Paving existing coverage (i.e., dirt roads) to reduce the production of dust and fine sediment.
- 2) Remove 6,000 sq ft of coverage from the Pope Marsh SEZ and restore to a native state.
- 3) Reduce over 350,000 sq ft of impervious coverage within the project, thereby improving storm water infiltration and reducing erosion.
- 4) Reconfigure intersections to reduce traffic, thereby reducing vehicle emissions.

The usual suspects complain that the environmental review is not yet complete, so the project should not be awarded funding. This is an erroneous argument as the NEPA review will be completed this summer, and there is sufficient time to address any environmental concerns and to include any necessary mitigation measures BEFORE THE WORK IS DONE DURING THE 2011 BUILDING SEASON, AT THE EARLIEST! Project conditions can adequately address all such theoretical but unsubstantiated concerns.

Please do not let the League, the Sierra Club and other so called "conservation" stakeholders block the water quality benefits and community enhancements which this desirable project will create. Their objections are theoretical and are not based on valid environmental concerns. On the other hand, the significant environmental and water quality benefits of this project are real! Please proceed with this project for the benefit of BOTH the Lake and the community.

Sincerely,

Steve Kenninger, Gail Jaquish & Sierra Colina, LLC.





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March 31, 2010

Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit,  
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South Lake Tahoe, CA, 96150.

Dear Linda,

The Tahoe Tallac Association has reviewed the proposed Camp Richardson Resort FS Public Resorts BMP Retrofits, Phase 2 project, as described in the ROUND 11 CAPITAL PROJECT NOMINATION FORM, LAKE TAHOE FEDERAL SHARE EIP CAPITAL PROJECTS, APPENDIX K. It is our understanding that the project will provide the following environmental and public resource benefits.

The Tahoe Tallac Association fully supports the project as proposed. The project incorporates reasonable and measurable elements to help protect Lake Tahoe from adverse impacts associated with erosion and sediment-laden storm water run-off. The project also provides an overall benefit to the entire historic estate area.

1. Highway 89 traffic congestion and its associated environmental impacts will be incrementally reduced by decreasing the campground capacity by approximately 20 percent and by reconfiguring and combining the two existing highway intersections into one intersection.
2. Approximately 6,000 square feet of previously-disturbed stream environment zone within the Pope Marsh will be restored, resulting in water quality benefit to Lake Tahoe and an improvement to local wildlife habitat.
3. Campground roads will be reconstructed to allow for emergency vehicle access. This will improve the response time to, and potentially reduce the impacts from, a catastrophic wildfire event. This is a great concern to the Tahoe Tallac Association.
4. Reconfiguration of the campground roads will reduce overall impervious coverage within the project area by 352,000 square feet (60%) from current conditions.
5. Water quality related Best Management Practices will be installed within 40% of the project area, which will help the entire historic area achieve the goals of the Lake Tahoe TMDL.
6. The project will be implemented using the approach of Low Impact Development (LID) to achieve storm water management, erosion control, and water quality improvements within the project area. The LID approach of distributing storm water run-off and infiltrating it as close to where it originated, in contrast to concentrating and conveying it, will reduce long term facility maintenance needs as they relate to sediment and storm water control. The Tahoe Tallac Association supports this approach as a method to ensure long term viability and overall sustainability of all environmental improvements throughout the entire historic site.

Sincerely,

Lori Cramer  
Executive Director

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*Executive Director*

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*Administrative Assistant*



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**Subject Camp Richardson BMP Project**

This email is submitted in support of the Camp Richardson BMP project, currently under consideration.

This is a model project, one which we should all be supporting for a variety of reasons, including improving lake clarity and enhancing the overall guest experience. The project will reduce impervious coverage, resulting in the improvement of storm water infiltration and reducing erosion. Road paving and reconfiguration of intersections will reduce dust and fine sediment, reduce traffic and vehicle emissions. The Pope Marsh SEZ will be restored as a result of coverage reduction.

The Camp Richardson project has the ability to be held up as one that achieves all of our collective goals—meaningful environmental improvements and upgrades for the visitor experience.

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Subject Camp Richardson BMP project

Greetings,

I am writing in support of Camp Richardson's proposed BMP project. Camp Rich has served generations of families coming to the Tahoe Basin for over 70 years providing visitors with a true Tahoe experience. What better way to get in touch with nature and the wonders of Lake Tahoe than camping at Camp Richardson? Completing this proposed phase of Camp Rich's BMPs' is long overdue. The high visibility of this project will allow the public to see and appreciate how the SNPLMA funds are being used to protect The Lake.

This project will have a positive effect on water quality and will also be an asset for the guests of Lake Tahoe to enjoy. Some of the key benefits of the USFS Public Resorts BMP Retrofits-Camp Richardson are:

- 1) Reduce over 350,000 sq ft of impervious coverage within the project. This will improve storm water infiltration and reduce erosion.
- 2) Remove 6,000 sq ft of coverage from the Pope Marsh SEZ and restore to a native state.
- 3) Paving of roads will reduce the production of dust and fine sediment, which could be transported to the lake.
- 4) Reconfiguration of intersections will reduce traffic, thereby reducing vehicle emissions and aiding air quality.
- 5) NEPA will be completed this summer, leaving ample time to address any concerns.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Dan

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April 4, 2010

USDA Forest Service  
Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit  
Attention: Ms. Linda Lind  
35 College Drive  
South Lake Tahoe, CA 96145

**Re: SNPLMA Round 11 Letter of Support - Forest Service Public Resorts BMP  
Water Quality Retrofit at Camp Richardson Resort, South Lake Tahoe**

Dear Linda:

As the Resort Association representative on the Lake Tahoe Federal Advisory Committee (LTFAC), I am writing to underscore my support for the full \$2 million recommended in the Preliminary Round 11 Package for the U.S. Forest Service Public Resorts BMP Water Quality Retrofit (Phase 2) at Camp Richardson Resort in South Lake Tahoe.

As you know, both the Tahoe Working Group and LTFAC spent a great deal of time reviewing this project proposal. We asked for and received detailed information on how the proposal was developed. All but one member were convinced that this is an important water quality project, given the project area's close proximity to the Pope Marsh stream environment zone (SEZ) and Lake Tahoe itself.

The Camp Richardson Resort and campground was purchased by the Forest Service in the 1960s to provide public recreation access to Lake Tahoe. Prior to this purchase, the resort and campground had provided recreation opportunities since the 1940s. The resort's amenities were developed and evolved over time. They were never designed to address environmental protection measures, resulting in a densely compacted landscape with unimproved roads and camping "spurs" that generate sediment that is transported to Lake Tahoe in both stormwater runoff and through the air.

Previously funded SNPLMA projects have enabled the Forest Service to complete a Vision Plan for Camp Richardson Resort, develop a pre-NEPA conceptual BMP design for the campground area and fund completion of the NEPA environmental analysis and documentation (scheduled for completion in the first half of 2010). Initiation of final BMP engineering designs and contract documents for campground improvements will move forward following completion and approval of the NEPA process. Officials at the Lake

Tahoe Basin Management Unit have reported to the LTFAC that engineering plans are expected to be ready for implementation in early 2011 and that the planned BMP retrofits will proceed, pending final approval of the requested \$2 million in Round 11 to support this work.

**The water quality degradation to Lake Tahoe from this area of the Camp Richardson Resort is real and must be addressed without further delay.** The Forest Service and resort concessionaire have worked diligently to prepare this much needed water quality improvement plan and project. I am pleased to join with many others in support of this Round 11 SNPLMA submittal.

Very sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Teshara". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "S" and a stylized "T".

Steve Teshara  
President & Chief Executive Officer  
North Lake Tahoe Resort Association  
Resort Association Representative, Lake Tahoe Federal Advisory Committee

cc: Ms. Terri Marceron, Forest Supervisor, Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit  
Mr. Bob Hassett, Camp Richardson Resort



**T R A N S - S I E R R A I N V E S T M E N T S , I N C .**

**April 2, 2010**

**United States Forest Service  
Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit  
Attn: Linda Lind  
35 College Drive  
South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150**

**VIA: E Mail [comments-pacificsouthwest-ltbmu@fs.fed.us](mailto:comments-pacificsouthwest-ltbmu@fs.fed.us)**

**Re: USFS Public Resorts BMP Retrofits - Camp Richardson**

**Dear USFS/Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit,**

**As a business member and property owner in South Lake Tahoe, our company is requesting The Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit approve the USFS Public Resorts BMP Retrofits Project at Camp Richardson.**

**The scope of the proposed project is to reduce impervious coverage, restore coverage to its native state, pave roads, and the reconfiguration of intersections.**

**The scope of this project will be of great benefit to our community and our environment by improving storm water infiltration, reduce erosion, and reduce dust and fine sediment in Lake Tahoe, as well as improve air quality, traffic flow, and safety on Hwy 89.**

**We appreciate your consideration and approval of this project as it will be a great long term benefit to our community, the environment and the preservation Lake Tahoe.**

**Sincerely,**



**Gary B. Casteel, Jr.  
Vice President/General Manager**





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Subject USFS Public Resorts BMP Retrofits - Camp Richardson

Dear Ms. Lind,

I would like to express my support for Round 11 funding of the Public Resorts BMP Retrofit. The project will remove coverage from an SEZ, reduce sediment from reaching the lake and cut down on dust, which contributes to airborne particles. This project is a great project which will benefit water quality. It will reduce 6,000 sq ft of impervious coverage in the SEZ and 352,000 sq ft throughout the project. By Paving the roads, the amount of dust and erosion will be reduced and access will be improved. This improved access will enable quicker response times for emergency vehicles, which could potentially limit a situation from escalating to a point where the lake could be impacted.

The NEPA, which is under way, has been funded in previous rounds and will be completed by this Summer. I'm confident any concerns will be addressed prior to the start of the project.

The water quality improvements and protection of the lake will be seen and appreciated on a daily basis, by the large number of people, who visit Camp Richardson Resort. It will showcase to the public a great BMP project and how funds are being wisely spent. Your approval of this project will be appreciated by everyone who has an interest in protecting Lake Tahoe.

Sincerely,  
Bob Hassett  
President  
Camp Richardson Resort, Inc.



FRED KOLLAR  
SHERIFF - CORONER - PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR  
COUNTY OF EL DORADO  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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April 5, 2010

Reference: FS Public Resorts MP Retrofits, Phase 2

To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept this letter as a statement of support for Camp Richardson Resort in application for Federal Share EIP Consideration. The resort at Camp Richardson, its management team, and the Forest Service have been valuable partners with the South Lake Tahoe community for many decades. Improvements as described in Appendix K would positively impact this area and be of benefit to locals and visitors alike.

In viewing this project from a public safety perspective, Camp Richardson Resort's location alone creates considerable vehicle and pedestrian traffic flow issues especially during peak summer holiday periods and special events. Reconfiguring two highway intersections as described in the Project Summary would greatly improve traffic flow in the area and could be expected to reduce potential for serious vehicle verses pedestrian/bicyclist accidents. The mere reduction of traffic delays in this area as a result of the completed project will be a benefit to El Dorado County Sheriff's Office in assisting us with quicker access to our other high profile geographic areas of responsibility nearby to Camp Richardson Resort.

In closing, the improvements as described in the Project Summary would be of benefit to not only Camp Richardson but to the community as a whole and specifically to local law enforcement. As the local representative for Sheriff Fred Kollar, I encourage any and all consideration that might be granted to Camp Richardson Resort in this project area.

Respectfully,

Lt. Les Lovell, L84  
Lake Tahoe Operations  
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April 2, 2010

USFS, Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit  
35 College Drive,  
South Lake Tahoe, CA  
96150  
Attn.: Linda Lind

Dear Ms, Lind,

We are writing to express our support for the USFS Public Resorts BMP Camp Richardson project.

Our reasons for supporting this effort are several and include the following:

- As a organization representing over 700 businesses here on the South Shore we are concerned with the future of our environment and economy, and thus, we are encouraged to see a project of this nature being pursued where both the environment and the economy share in a positive outcome
- We support the reduction of 350,000 feet of impervious coverage and the resulting improvements whereby storm water runoff and erosion are reduced which is widely recognized as vital to lake clarity
- We support the restoration of the Pope Marsh SEZ to its native state
- We always support the reduction of dust and fine sediment particles making it into the lake and believe that the paving of the existing roads will assist in that endeavor *and* make for a better guest experience
- As our community strives to attract and maintain a geotourism visitor who stays longer, drives less and connects with our community in a more meaningful manner it seems clear that the proposed improvements at Camp Richardson would reduce vehicle emissions and improve air quality due to less congestion and its ability to attract this more desirable visitor
- The geotourism visitor will also care about the restored SEZ and may participate in activities such as trail restoration or snapshot day
- With the NEPA scheduled for completion in summer of 2010 we encourage approval of the project for 2011 providing adequate time to address any unforeseen concerns from the review process.

We commend all those concerned for good work on a worthy project and we look forward to seeing it completed for the betterment of the community, economy and environment.

Sincerely,



Betty "B" Gorman  
President & CEO



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To: Linda Lind, LTBMU  
From: Jim Hildinger  
Subject: Camp Richardson BMP Retrofits  
Date: April 5, 2010

Dear Ms Linda Lind,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this project. I have reviewed the proposal in some detail and find it to be quite acceptable providing that what happens on the ground comes close to matching what the printed word promises.

I have been unable to find out why the League to Save Lake Tahoe is opposed to the project. Perhaps that issue needs to be examined in detail.

On page 8 it says "Implementation would occur during peak use visitation periods". I do question the wisdom of this decision. Why cannot the work start after Labor Day and give the private contractor 60 days to complete the work?

Sincerely,

Jim Hildinger